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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 2 and 6 and add the following claims:

A method for blocking somatostatin receptors in warmblooded animals in need thereof comprising administering to warmblooded animals an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of a compound of the formula

 R_{2a} R_{2b}

wherein W hydrogen or R-X-C(Y)-R is unsubstituted